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Research Interests

Holocaust Studies, the historical and cultural legacy of the Second World War in Germany, Austria and the former Soviet Union

Education

2010 Doctorate of Modern Languages in German and Russian, Middlebury College
1994 M.A., German, Bowling Green State University
1994 M.A., Political Science, Bowling Green State University
1993-1994 University of Salzburg, Austria
1991 Moscow Institute of Social and Political Studies, Russia
1991 B.A., German, Minors in Economics and History,
State University of New York College at Cortland, Cortland, NY (cum laude)
1990 University of Tübingen, Germany

Academic Positions

2016 Associate Professor of German, Shippensburg State University
2011-2016 Assistant Professor of German, Shippensburg State University
Fall 2012 Scholar-in-Residence, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich, Germany
Summer 2011 Instructor of German, Middlebury College German School, Middlebury, VT
2010-2011 Pearl Resnick Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies,
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
2009-2010 Fulbright Grantee, Freiburg, Germany
2004-2009 Lecturer in German, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Courses Developed and Taught in German

GER393 Special Topics: The Holocaust & its German Legacy
GER203 German Conversation
GER204 Contemporary German Culture
GER215 German for the Professions
GER221 German Culture through Music
GER309 German Phonetics
GER312 Advanced German Grammar
GER 313 German Composition and Stylistics
GER 320 Berlin
FG 263 German Political Developments in the Twentieth Century
FG 376 The Experience of War in German Literature and Film

Courses Taught in German

Language
FG 101/ GER 101 Elementary German I

FG 102/ GER 102 Elementary German II
GER 103 Intermediate German
FG 111 Business German
FG 203 Intensive Intermediate German
FG 208 German Conversation & Composition
FG 220 Learning Across the Curriculum
FG 271 German Grammar Workshop
FG 340 Advanced LAC
Culture, Literature
FG 206 German Language and Culture
FG 215 Introduction to German Literature
FG 216 Contemporary German Culture
FG 263 German Political Developments in the Twentieth Century
FG 272 German Language & Literature Discussion: Fin de Siecle Literature
FG 376 Literature of the German Democratic Republic

Courses Developed and Taught in English

FG 340 Advanced LAC (Learning Across the Curriculum) German
GER 150 German Civilization and Culture
GER 151 German Cinema
INT 300 International Studies Seminar
TX 201B Travel Seminar: Culture and History in Vienna, Austria
TX 202 Travel Seminar to Vienna, Austria
UNIV 101 Shippensburg University First-Year Seminar

Fellowships and Honors

2019 Deutsch Akademische Austauschdienst Research Stay for University Academics and Scientists, Freiburg, Germany
2012 Institut für Zeitgeschichte / United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Scholar-in-residence, Munich, Germany
2010-2011 Pearl Resnick Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
2009-2010 Fulbright (full) grant, German-American Fulbright Commission, Germany
2009 Silberman Seminar for University Faculty: Teaching the Holocaust: Causes, Course, Consequences, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Washington, D.C.
2007 Fulbright German Studies Seminar: "Germany in a Changing Europe: Transatlantic Ties, Transatlantic Challenges"

Grants and Awards

2022-23 Teaching Innovation and Pedagogy Spotlight (TIPS) Honorable Mention Award
2022-23 Shippensburg University Undergraduate Research Grant (with professor Alison Feeney and students Cole Pearson and Madi Shively)
2019 Harry Frank Guggenheim Grant for book project entitled "Ordinary Soldiers? A Case Study of the Nazi-Soviet War of Annihilation"

2017 Shippensburg University Faculty Training and Continuing Education Grant
 2015 Shippensburg University College of Arts and Sciences Faculty-Led Research Fund
 2014-15 Shippensburg University Undergraduate Research Grant (with student Matthew Hoffman)
 2014 Shippensburg University CFEST Faculty Professional Development Council Grant
 2013-14 Shippensburg University Undergraduate Research Grant (with student Matthew Hoffman)
 2013 PASSHE Council of Trustees Presidential Faculty Development Grant
 2009 Skidmore College Faculty Development Grant
 2008 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Russian School, Middlebury College
 2008 Skidmore College Faculty Development Grant
 2007 Skidmore College Faculty Development Grant
 2007 Goethe Institute Teaching Assistantship, German School, Middlebury College
 2006 Goethe Institute Teaching Assistantship, German School, Middlebury College

Professional Development

2023 On Course 1-Day Workshop Helping Colleges Improve Student Success and Retention
 2023 PASSHE Conference on Teaching and Learning, Slippery Rock University
 2022 ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Languages Familiarization Workshop, Kutztown University
 2017 Workshop des Lehrstuhls für Neuere und Neuerste Geschichte, Universität Freiburg, Germany
 2017 “Learning Beyond the Classroom: A Service-Learning and Community Based Research Workshop for Faculty Course Development”, Dickinson College
 2015 “Integrating Language, Culture, and Content Across the Undergraduate German Curriculum”, German Studies Association Seminar, Washington, D.C.
 2015 Central Pennsylvania American Association of Teachers of German Spring Meeting: “What We Have in Common: Fostering Transcultural Competence through Authentic Materials”
 2013 Central Pennsylvania American Association of Teachers of German Fall Meeting: “Film Analysis and Film Production in German Language Courses”
 2012 PASSHE German Studies Consortium Summit II
 2011 Central Pennsylvania American Association of Teachers of German Fall Meeting: “Multiculturalism and Integration in Germany, Past and Present”
 2009 2nd Symposium for Contemporary German Culture: Teaching Culture, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
 2005 Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum Conference, The University of Iowa
 2005 DAAD Conference on Pedagogy of German Language Instruction, Goethe Institute, Boston
 2004 Rassias Method Teacher Workshop, Dartmouth College

Articles appearing in Peer-reviewed Journals

“‘I am fully aware of my guilt . . .’: Insights from a Soviet Military Tribunal’s Investigation of the German Army’s 35th Division, 1946–47,” *Journal of Military History*, October 2019
 “Unsere Mütter, Unsere Väter: War Genocide and Condensed Reality,” *German Politics and Society*, Summer 2016

“Who Killed Lida’s Jewish Intelligentsia? A Case Study of Wehrmacht Involvement in the Holocaust’s ‘First Hour,’” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Spring 2013

“Widening the Circle: General Weikersthal and the War of Annihilation, 1941-42,” *Central European History*, June 2012

Articles appearing in Digital Media:

“The Benefits of Time Away,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 2017. URL: <http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Benefits-of-Time-Away/240452?cid=wcontentgrid>

Book Reviews

David Wildermuth. “Mythbusters: Uncovering the Real Authors behind the Myth of the Eastern Front.” Review of Ronald M. Smelser, Edward J. Davies II. *The Myth of the Eastern Front: The Nazi-Soviet War in American Popular Culture*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. June, 2016. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=38439>

David Wildermuth. „Letters from ‚Hell‘: Reflections on the War of Annihilation in the East at the Grassroots Level.“ Review of Jaraus, Konrad H.; Arnold, Klaus Jochen, eds., *„Das stille Sterben...“: Feldpostbriefe von Konrad Jaraus aus Polen und Russland, 1939-1942*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. April, 2013. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33703>

Invited Lectures

“Navigating War and Identity: *Malgré-nous* Marc(z)ell Wolfersberger in the German Army, 1942-1944.” The Impact of War Experiences in Europe: The Conscription of non-German men and women into the Wehrmacht and Reichsarbeitsdienst (1938-1945), C2DH University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, October 2022.

“*„Dieser Krieg hier im Osten hat uns Soldaten alle zu anderen Menschen geformt.“* Wie die 35. Infanteriedivision den Krieg gegen die U.d.S.S.R. führte und erlebte, 1941-42,“ Workshop des Lehrstuhls für Neuere und Neueste Geschichte, Universität Freiburg, Germany, June 2020.

“(Re-)searching for results: best practices for your long-term research stay abroad,” keynote address of the DAAD Orientation Meeting for Scholarship Holders from the USA and Canada, October 2019.

“Fallstudie zum Vernichtungskrieg: Die 35. Infanteriedivision,” Workshop des Lehrstuhls für Neuere und Neueste Geschichte, Universität Freiburg, Germany July 2017.

“Unsere Mütter, Unsere Väter: War, Genocide and “Condensed Reality,” Totalitarianism – Historiography, Politics and Culture of Remembrance in Central and Southeastern Europe, University of Split, Croatia, June 2016.

““And from that moment, the Shoah began for us:’ What Survivor Testimony Can Tell Us About the Wehrmacht and its Victims,” Ramapo College, NJ, April 2014.

““And from that moment, the Shoah began for us:’ What Survivor Testimony Can Tell Us About the Wehrmacht and its Victims,” 33rd Conference on the Holocaust & Genocide, Millersville University, March 2014.

““And from that moment, the Shoah began for us:’ What Survivor Testimony Can Tell Us About the Wehrmacht and its Victims,” The Future of Holocaust Testimonies III, Akko, Israel, March 2014.

““And from that moment, the Shoah began for us:’ What Survivor Testimony Can Tell Us

- About the Wehrmacht and its Victims,” New Scholars/New Research on the Holocaust, Toronto, October 2013.
- “Anatomy of an Atrocity: German Soldiers and the ‘Pacification’ of Lida in the Holocaust’s ‘First Hour,’” World War II, Nazi Crimes, and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union, Moscow, December 2012.
- “‘Bielica brennt ab,’ Die Wehrmacht, der Vernichtungskrieg, und die Shoa: eine Fallstudie,” Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich Germany, November 2012
- “More than Meets the Eye: Bombed-out Lida, the German Army and the Holocaust,” The Holocaust and the (Digital) Photographic Documentation Workshop, Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam, September 2011
- “‘Bielica brennt ab,’ Die Wehrmacht, der Vernichtungskrieg, und die Shoa: eine Fallstudie,” Middlebury College German School, Middlebury, VT, July 2011
- “‘Bielica is Ablaze,’ The Wehrmacht, the War of Annihilation, and the Holocaust: A Case Study,” Campus Outreach Lecture Program, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies lecture given at Keene State College, Keene, NH, Salem State College, Salem, MA, and Gordon College, Wenham, MA, April 2011

Papers Read to Professional Societies

- “‘We gradually succeeded in instilling in the population a sense of trust towards the *Wehrmacht*...’ General Weikersthal and the Negotiation of Occupation Policy on the Eastern Front.” Society for Military History, Columbus, Spring 2019
- “‘I accept that I am entirely guilty’: A Case Study of the German Army and Post-War Soviet Justice, 1945 – 1955.” German Studies Association, Pittsburgh PA, Fall 2018
- “After the Battle: The German Army and Soviet Justice, 1945 – 1955.” Society for Military History, Louisville, Spring 2018
- “War Tourism and Smoking Guns: Bombed-out Lida, the German Army and the Holocaust” German Studies Association, Atlanta GA, Fall 2017
- Seminar Participant, “German-Occupied Europe in the Second World War,” German Studies Association, San Diego, Fall 2016
- “Unsere Mütter, Unsere Väter: War, Genocide, and Condensed Reality.” Society for Military History, Ottawa CA, Spring 2016
- “Unsere Mütter, Unsere Väter: War, Genocide, and Condensed Reality.” German Studies Association, Kansas City, Fall 2014
- “The Real War Will Never Get in the Books:’ The 35th Wehrmacht Division and the War on the Eastern Front.” 80th Annual Meeting, The Society for Military History, New Orleans, March, 2013
- “‘The Past [Re-]Mastered? New European Visions and Evil Old Songs in Fatih Akin’s Berlin Republic.” 43rd Annual Convention, Northeast Modern Language Association, Rochester, March, 2012
- “Widening the Circle: General Weikersthal and the War of Annihilation, 1941-42,” German Studies Association, Louisville, Fall 2011
- “Der Fall der 35. Division,” German Studies Association, Oakland, Fall 2010
- “Handlungsspielräume im Vernichtungskrieg: ein Annäherungsversuch,” German Studies Association, San Diego, Fall 2007

Professional Activities

Secretary/Treasurer of *The American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance*, 2011-2017
Commentator on panel “Myths of the Wehrmacht: New Perspectives,” German Studies Association, San Diego, Fall 2016
Commentator on panel “World War II and Society,” 6th Annual Texas A & M History Conference, Spring 2015
Moderator on panel “Remembering the Victims of Nazi Persecution by Registering Their Names,” German Studies Association, Denver, Fall 2013
Commentator on panel “The Radical Right in the Weimar Republic,” German Studies Association, Louisville, Fall 2011

Departmental, College, University, Professional & Community Service

Global Languages & Cultures Department Chair, 2020 – 2023
President’s Leadership Academy Cohort, 2022-2023
APSCUF Department Representative Council Representative, 2023 - present
APSCUF Legislative Assembly, 2022 - present
APSCUF Nominations & Elections Committee, 2023
APSCUF Representative, All Hands Meeting Feedback Team, 2022-2023
Department Representative, Advisor Bootcamp, 2022 - present
Faculty Mentor to students of GER309: German Phonetics for their Theater play *Die Hochzeit* at the 2023 Minds@Work Conference, Shippensburg University, Spring 2023
Radio Interview with student Thomas Firestone on German industrial music, March 2023
International Week – Organizer of German Table, Immersion afternoon, 2011 - present
Panelist, campus-wide talks “Ukraine under Attack,” March 2022 and October 2022.
Faculty Mentor to students of GER393: The Holocaust and its German Legacy for their presentations at the 2022 Minds@Work Conference, Shippensburg University, Spring 2022
Mentored Student Sara Brunner for her successful application for a paid internship at the Church of Reconciliation on the grounds of the former concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, 2022-2023.
Organizer and panelist, campus-wide talk “Post-Merkel Germany: Thoughts on German Politics, History, and Culture during the German Election,” September 2021.
Invited and organized campus-wide talk given by Dr. Jeff Rutherford, Xavier University, entitled: “German Society at War: Total War, 1939-1945,” March 2021.
Mentored Student Suphawat Nambuppha for his successful Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany, 2020-2021
Faculty Mentor to students of GER393: The Holocaust and its German Legacy for their presentations at the 2019 Minds@Work Conference, Shippensburg University, Spring 2019
Member, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences Search Committee, Fall 2018
Member, Presidential Visioning Team, 2018
Participant, Fermentation Science Forum, Spring 2018
Department Representative, Ship Voyage @ Shippensburg High School, Spring 2018
Organizer, German Section of the 7th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, May 2018
Organizer, German events for the Sixth Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Fall 2017
Mentored Student Everett King for his presentation, “Claus von Stauffenberg: The complicated

mastermind behind Valkyrie,” at the 2017 Minds@Work Conference, Shippensburg University, Spring 2017
 Organizer, German events for the Fifth Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Fall 2016
 Organizer, German Section of the 6th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2016
 Organized and mentored German student panel presentation, 6th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2016
 Mentored Student Curtis Rabe for his successful Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany, 2015-2016
 Organizer, German events for the Fourth Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Fall 2015
 Lecture “A Micro Occurrence of the Holocaust: The Arrival of the German Army in a Small Town in Belarus in June of 1941,” Holocaust Remembrance Service (Yom HaShoah), Congregation Beth Tikvah and the Carlisle Area Religious Council, Spring 2015
 Mentored Student Matthew Hoffman for his presentation, “Presenting the fates of ‘Ordinary Men.’ The Wehrmacht’s 35th Infantry Division as a Case Study of the German Army and Soviet Justice, 1945-1956,” at the 6th Annual Texas A & M History Conference, Spring 2015
 Lecture “Dangerous Words and Noble Treason: The White Rose and Student Resistance against National Socialism,” September 9, 2014, Shippensburg University
 Organizer, Traveling Exhibition: “The White Rose: Student Resistance Against Hitler, Munich 1942/43,” September 2 – October 2, 2014, Shippensburg University
 Presenter, Academic Day 2014, Shippensburg University
 Organizer, German events for the Third Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Fall 2014
 Organizer, German Section of the 5th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2014
 Organized and mentored German student panel presentation, 5th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2014
 Lecture “The Pacification of Lida in the Holocaust’s First Hour,” read to Institute for Retired Persons, Wilson College, April 2014
 Organizer, German events for the Third Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Fall 2013
 Co-organizer, lecture by Dr. Geoff Megargee, “Aspects of Nazism: The Role of the German Military and New Research on the Camps,” Grove Hall auditorium, for Shippensburg University and community, September, 2013
 Presenter, Academic Day 2013, Shippensburg University
 Organizer, German events for the Second Annual Foreign Language Contest for High School Students, Shippensburg University, Spring 2013
 Organizer, German Section of the 4th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2012
 Organized and mentored German student panel presentation, 4th Biennial Modern Languages Conference, Shippensburg University, April, 2012
 Lecture “‘Bielica is Ablaze,’ The Wehrmacht, the War of Annihilation, and the Holocaust: A Case Study,” read to Institute for Retired Persons, Wilson College, April 2012

Member, Departmental Special Events Committee, Shippensburg University, 2011-present
Member, International Education Council, Shippensburg University, 2013-present
Departmental Representative, ADRT Council, Shippensburg University, 2013-present
Associate Editor, Shippensburg Journal of Modern Languages, 2012-present
Developed and administer weekly German conversation hour for students, 2011-2016
Faculty Advisor for the German Club, Shippensburg University, 2011-2019
Faculty Advisor for the Model European Union Club, Skidmore College, 2004-2009
Faculty Advisor for the Model United Nations Club, Skidmore College, 2008-2009
Trans-Atlantic Consortium for European Union Simulations, 2006-2009